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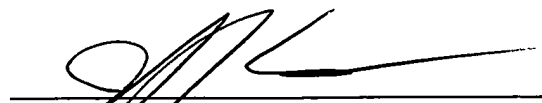
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 27, 2006, the Examiner acknowledges and enters Applicant's amendment filed 12/1/05. After this amendment, claims 1-15 and 17-22 remain pending and claims 1-12 are withdrawn. Applicant renews its request for rejoinder of claims 6-12 upon allowance of one or more product claims 13-22. The Examiner rejects claims 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 13-15 and 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Applicant traverses these rejections and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

**Amendments to the Specification:** Begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None

**Remarks/Arguments:** Begin on page 7 of this paper.